A2 sub-segments of the speech signal segment are on the one side of the threshold.

5. (Amended) A method of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein said value related to voicing of respective speech signal sub-segments comprises an autocorrelation value.

7. (Amended) A method of [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the determining the voicing of a speech signal segment comprises a voiced/unvoiced decision.

A3 8. (Amended) A device for determining the voicing of a speech signal segment, comprising:

means [(106)] for dividing a speech signal segment into sub-segments[,];

means [(110)] for determining a value relating to the voicing of respective speech signal sub-segments[,];

means [(112)] for comparing said values with a predetermined threshold; and

means [(112)] for making a decision on the voicing of the speech segment based on the number of the values falling on the one side of the threshold.

11. (Amended) A device of [any of claims] claim 8 [to 10], wherein said means for making a decision comprises:

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means for determining whether the values relating to the voicing of substantially half of the sub-segments the speech signal segment are on the one side of the threshold.

Please add new claims 13 and 14 as follows:

-- 13. A device of claim 9, wherein said means for making a decision comprises:

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means for determining whether the values relating to the voicing of substantially half of the sub-segments the speech signal segment are on the one side of the threshold.

14. A device of claim 10, wherein said means for making a decision comprises:

means for determining whether the values relating to the voicing of substantially half of the sub-segments the speech signal segment are on the one side of the threshold.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Line 19, delete "Figure 1".